



**1197TH Monthly Meeting of the
PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**



***Encased Half Dimes —
An Exonumia Mystery Solved?***

**A New Presentation by
PCNS President William Hyder**

Wednesday Evening

January 27, 2016, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

DECEMBER 2015 REPORT

In addition to our Holiday get-together, we had a bit of business. Recorder William Hyder noted several items received by mail:

- Letter from the San Francisco Public Library thanking PCNS for a copy of the PCNS Centennial Publication.
- Letter from member Ed Fulwider, indicating his regret at missing the Centennial Banquet.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- Fritz Maytag (San Francisco)
- Greg Burns (Upland, CA)

In keeping with our Bylaws, these applicants will become Active Members of the Society at the January 2016 meeting.

ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS

The nominations were presented, opened to the floor, and closed at the December meeting, with the following slate unopposed:

President: William Hyder
Vice Pres: Mary Lannin
Recorder: Stephen Huston
Governors: Jason Macario
 Bob Somers
 Ed Treuting

This slate was elected unanimously.

(Outgoing President Herb Miles remains a voting member of the Board of Governors per our Bylaws.)

TOM CEDERLIND

It was reported that ancient coin dealer Tom Cederlind died on December 16. Though not a PCNS member, Tom was well known to many members, and he was a key figure in reviving the SF Bourse held in our city the weekend before his passing.

DUES FOR 2016

PCNS Membership for 2016 is still just \$20, and dues are payable on January 1st, so, if you haven't paid yet, you are late! Please send your dues by mail, or bring it to the next meeting, or make your payment to PCNS via PayPal at: money@pcns.org
Let's keep PCNS running for another 100 years!

PAPERS PUBLICATION

The 2014–15 Papers Publication will be distributed at the January 27 meeting. *Please attend to pick up your copy.*

Copies will be mailed later to members who don't attend.

All PCNS Papers of 2012–2015 are online: www.pcns.org

MEMBERS' EXHIBITS

The following members exhibited materials in December:

Federico Castillo: 3 Mexican tokens and 2 unknown pieces. The Mexican pieces were a agricultural workers token, a *good-for* for a bath, and a Masonic membership token.

Stephen Huston: a PPIE die hub which he had been asked to help evaluate. (see back page of this Bulletin)

Bill Hyder: an engraved Bryant Dollar sold to him as *damaged* due to an inscription, which is actually by a known banker and adds value to the piece; a 14k American Legion badge, 1928.

Michael Wehner: large U.S. Mint medal for Winfield Scott, in honor of his Spanish-American War victories.

Mark Wm Clark: a military requisition note from Mexico, 1862, signed by Gen. Zaragoza, who won the *Cinco de Mayo* battle.

Ken Takahashi: Wells Fargo Express mail with Chinese characters and WF-cancelled revenue stamps, sent to Chinatown San Francisco addresses.

A PPIE SOUVENIR HUB?

Last month I was asked to look into the object shown with an eye to appraising its value as a die for some PPIE souvenir.



I photographed it and emailed images to several PCNS members known to take an interest in PPIE material, but with little feedback, save that it might be worth \$50–100 depending on how it is marketed to PPIE collectors. My own opinion at the outset was that it might be worth twice that — possibly more, but only if one could determine what it was used to produce.



Look closely, and note that the “die” face is not in reverse. This die could actually have been used as a hub for producing dies rather than for striking souvenir pieces directly!

Finding a matching souvenir took a little internet search time to turn up one button or lapel pin with matching design, showing a lock on the Panama Canal.



The hub itself has no maker's mark, though it has an interesting tooling design, most likely from repeated use in a press rather than an intentional design.

I suspect the depicted lock with a lighthouse is the *Gatun Locks* of the canal.

This blue-enamelled button or pin souvenir probably was produced by the many thousands for PPIE, but I have been unable find out much about it.

Anyone know more?

